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It is a good thing to be practical, even in matters which do not drive at practice, but seem to belong to the most whimsical spheres of existence. The collecting of books, for example, doubtless seems to many people a thing with which practicality has nothing to do. We collect books because we love them, or we are supposed to collect for that reason, and practicality has always seemed antithetical to sentibling and grooming, a book needs good housing and careful treatment. This idea is expanded into a very wise little book by Mr. Arthur L. Humphreys. He says in his preface that for many years he has had opportunities of inspecting and reporting upon collections of books greater number of those houses is chaotic. He has found that a man will nurse his bicycle portant names appear in his chapter headings. with the tenderest care and leave his books in the hands of servants who would as soon put a valuable binding within ten inches of an open all the little details in which a man who loves take, for example, his little homily on damp, This, he says, means ruination, more, perhaps, to the paper than to the binding, though both suffer. Damp is caused, we are told, through lack of fires or warmth; through too many sides of a room being exposed to the elements without having the walls battened; through the coming of a thaw just after a frost, and through gas. and Engravers of British and American Book The remedy for damp is obvious. Keep your

We are glad to see that Mr. Humphreys advises that best of all expedients for the preservation of books, what might be called an annual Since bookplates are collected somewhat as book-cleaning. A good deal of harm comes to etchings and books are collected, and as the books that are left standing for a long time first desire of the new collector is to get up a without careful dusting, and especially when system of classification for his treasures, this ered, wipe it away, and let the book stand open plates concerning which he would be, unassisted. for some days in a very dry spot, though not in front of a fire. In fact, the whole secret of pre- is printed well, and is illustrated richly with reserving a library lies in moderation. You must | productions of many plates. treat books gently, lovingly; never clean them in a hurry, nor with too energetic a hand. Mr. Humphreys gives one charming little list of maxims. We quote them as follows:

library at an even temperature, "The surest way to preserve your books," observes Mr.

them as you would your own children, who are

sure to sicken if confined in an atmosphere

which is impure, too hot, too cold, too damp or

"Do not bite a paper-knife until it has the "Do not cut books except with a proper ivory

"It is ruination to a good book not to cut it

Do not turn the leaves of books down. Particularly, do not turn the leaves of books printed

"If you are in the habit of lending books, do not mark them. These two acts together constitute an act of indiscretion. "It is better to give a book than to lend it.

the blank fly leaf is the right place.

"Books are neither card racks, crumb baskets nor receptacles for dead leaves.

"Books were not meant as cushions, nor were they meant to be togsted before a fire"

Mr. Humphreys suggests that these maxims may be learned by heart, or, if preferred, can edy, and the resulting book has something of be bought by experience. We fancy that a great many collectors will go on purchasing skill, however, he makes that kaleidoscope truly them by experience, but if Mr. Humphreys's little volume reaches them in time they may learn the error of their ways. His book is practical from cover to cover, and though here and there there are passages which speak of the book-lover turning from the concrete book to the charm of the author, yet this remains a

Clubs" is one of the most useful compilations of | his taste is not impeccable, and the three stories bibliographical literature which we have seen which go to make up his little volume are of not in a long time. To many its pages will come as very impressive character. The best thing about a surprise. The Greiler Club is well known to- the book is the color work which has been put day, the name of the Duniap Society is not un- into some of the illustrations. familiar, and there are several other bookish forty clubs to celebrate, beginning with a clubcalled the Junto, which was founded in Philadelphia by Benjamin Franklin and his companions early in the last century. It is a far cry from the magazines printed under the auspices of the Junto to such exquisite volumes as are issued nowadays for the members of a club was at work in Franklin's time as it is now, and terprises over which the collector cannot but useful work has been done by American book clubs, and in many cases their now rare publications contain material not accessible in any other form. Authors have always had a tender place in their hearts for book clubs, and there is more than one instance of a club's having secured delightful little autobiographical embellishments for its publications. For example, the Book Fellows Club, of this city, in 1883 published an edition of Frederick Locker's "London Lyrics," with illustrations by Ran dolph Caldecott, Kate Greenaway and Bowlend. Locker wrote for this edition the following

Oh! for the poet voice that swells
To lofty truths and noble curses;
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And yet some tears are in my verses.

Softly I trill my sparrow reed.

Pleased if but one should light and twitter,

Humbiy I lay it down to heed A critic or a music-fitter.

In two or three copies of this book Mr. Locker further wrote some little conceits. In one, for example, he put this distich:

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lector" he shows that he has had considerable experience in the field of book-collecting and amusing to learn of the sales he attended, of the bargains he secured or failed to secure. but the chapters themselves are not half rich those names. In fact, there is very little apec es are lamentably thin. We are afraid, too, which is one of the prime essentials of a collector of books, who desires that the public shall take an interest in the record of his adventures Our author is too much concerned with pounds shillings and pence. Yet we will confess that he sometimes tells a good story turning upon a

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clété Française d'Editions d'Art," and sent to us by the American publisher, J. W. Bouton, appeal to book-lovers largely through their illustrations and typographical appearance. Th volume, for example, describing the route from Paris to the sea, is fairly readable in its text, and contains, in fact, some useful information; but the chief value of the work lies in its sketches, which give a vivid panorama of Paris, its architecture, its streets, parks and human types. The views and sketches are reproduca lively, veracious impression. In taking as his point of departure the Généralife, that picturesque pile which the tourist visits with hardly Never write upon a title-page or half-title; bra itself, M. Zacharie Astruc has chosen one of the most felicitous themes in Spain. But he has podge of ardent exclamations on everything con ceivable in Spanish history. He passes from personalities to landscape, from artists to kings, from history to legend, from romance to tragthe character of a kaleidoscope. With notable brilliant, and his pages, if somewhat tenuous and ecstatic, are certainly readable. His impressions are vivid, and he has put them into persuasive pages. The illustrations by Checa are spirited, and, though sometimes unnecessavily flashy reflect in the main the romantic picturesqueness of the Peninsula. The author Mr. Growell's "Study of American Book picturesque and a fairly agreeable style, but

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the Columbus Avenue English Lutheran Church preached in English, and the Rev. M. Ludwig in The volunteer choir of the church furnished the music for both services. There will be

The new church is of marble, F. A. Minueth was the architect. A feature of the building is the group of five windows representing episodes in the life of Christ. Three of them are memorial wir W. Geissenheim, the first pastor of the church The window is the gift of his son. The other win of his wife and son and of N. Beileman, in mem eral congregation furnished the side windows.

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gerated reports concerning the Cuben situation.

as set forth by certain Senators, there was little hesitation among buil operators and no

material falling off in the investment demand

there was, however, little public interest in se-

professional class made the market buoyant and

not until they had secured their profits. Further-

cial speculation at this period cannot,

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for bonds. Outside of the investment demand The bank exchanges of the New-York Classing House and the stocks sold at the New-York Stock Exchange last week and for the same week of the preceding two years.

Some persons ask why there are a bulls when the Cuban situation is in a position of great uncertainty. In the first place operators committed to the bull side do not be-Total sales of stocks for the week ending Fa-ruary 5, 2,265,398 shares, against 2,482,558 eve that there will be war between the United States and Spain. If they assumed that future

THE WEEKLY STOCK TABLE. The following is the usual table giving to umber of shares of all stocks dealt in a sek, the highest, the lowest and final prices of the week, together with the final prices of fixed by the average price of Feb.

more, bull operators know that business condidary 13, 1897; tions are in favor of higher prices; also that they can borrow all the money they need at cheap rates with which to carry on extensive stock market operations. And so many of the leading men in the Street are pronounced bulis heir operations Thursday. The Cuban situation and railroad cases now before the Supreme Court are the only uncertainties in the speculaweight with professional bulls who have the fusal of the public to enter actively into speever, he considered an altogether shortsighted policy. Knowing that a coterie of local and Washington bears are exerting their utmost efforts to break the market, and believing that the Cuban situation is yet capable of for a rise naturally fear to make extensive commitments. They may be wrong in not following the lead of experienced bull speculators, but perhaps they will yet be able to buy stocks at The Venezuelan scare proved so disastrous to marginal traders that ever since that time they have been oversensitive. And as long as the Cuban situation remains unsettled public traders will probably not engage in stock market speculation with confidence or enthusiasm.

ended by American intervention. Professional bulls have been in the market for a long time, and they can withdraw with profits on the first signal of trouble. The fact that they have been in the market so long makes stocks less attracin the marker so long makes stocks loss are tive than a month ago, and people who buy at this time have got to bear in mind that prices have had a long and almost continuous advance. Despite these considerations the atmosphere on the Stock Exchange is unmistalkably bullish. The majority of important bull leaders assert that prices will go higher, and their words are borne out by the actual course. their words are borne out by the actual course of values. There are only a few substantial boars in the Street, and they are forced to buy their stocks at losing figures after every decline. g men are doing everything to encourage pub-attention and foreign speculators have given reased evidence of a growing anxiety to make oney in the "Yankees." It is reasonable to more ased evidence of a growing anxiety to make money in the "Yankees." It is reasonable to suppose that bull operators will not sell their holdings at the current level if they believe that greater profits are in sight, and that they do believe this is proved by their comment and courageous transactions in stocks. Cheap money is their best support. Last week's movement showed a strong underlying templorus, in the is their best support. Last week's movement showed a strong underlying tendency in the face of Cuban scares and bear attacks. The close was fairly strong, but some observers said it looked "sloppy," and predicted that unless a new war scare came up over Saturday and today prices would go higher to-morrow morning, but subsequently sell off on professional liquidation. There was the usual bull enthusiasm published today, inviting the public to buy. When lished to-day inviting the public to buy. When invitations are so pressing somebody wants to get out. Investors have a bright future on pur-MISCRELIANDOUS ST

invitations are so pressing somebody wants to get out. Investors have a bright future on purchases made at present prices.

Regarding the current invitations extended to the world in general to speculate in stocks, it is extremely unfortunate that so many traps for the unwary are to be found in Wall Street.

The Street is filled with philanthropists. There are many men who are willing to make other people's fortunes just for the pleasure of seeing a more general distribution of wealth. They are not rich themselves, but, being philanthropists, they are not interested in personal gain, and do not seek to benefit any but the seeker after wealth and speculative profits. "Come on, gentlemen, this is the last and only chance to take advantage of another great money-making cycle, in which the profits of past successes will sink to infinitesimal proportions.

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reputable wall street noise guarantees to make profits for speculators. It gives the speculator the benefit of its experience and information regarding market movements and market values, but it does not pose as a sure money-making machine. It executes orders on commission, and if the operator loses he has himself alone to blame. Appeals to the public to buy stocks and get rich emanate from men who seldom, if ever, buy or sell a stock and who mission, and it is stock and get rich emanate from men who seldom, if ever, buy or sell a stock and who missions. Hay Store Gas Balyn Rap Tr Cansol Lo buy or sell a stock, and who, nine times out of ten, pocket the money sent to them for "in-vestment." Operators in Wall Street ought to know their brokers and know something about

the intrinsic worth of securities. A man can speculate through legitimate houses with a chance of winning, but there is no reason for him to be deliberately robbed by irresponsible

The following tables show the movements of the chief active stocks and bonds in the week:

.Ex-dividend

High. Low. Feb 11 Feb. 5 Chigs. Sales.

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The United States Treasury received last well (five days) from customs \$3,500,400; from internal revenue \$2,500,077, and from miscellaneous sources \$507,280, making a total of \$6,722,26 against \$6,607,786 in the preceding week celpts for the fixeal year to date, \$257,861,303 expenditures, \$26,556,570; excess of expenditures, \$7,085,505. The Treasury's actual calculations of the second control of the second control

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